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BIG BROTHER 11 WARTBURG CASTING CALL

Reality show looking for new houseguests

JACKIE ALBRECHT *NEWS EDITOR*

"Big Brother" will host auditions at Wartburg Saturday, April 4 searching for the next houseguests of the 11th installment of the CBS reality television show.

Wartburg is the only site in Iowa to host auditions for next season's contestants. Auditions will occur from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Levick Arena. KGAN approached ME&V, Wartburg's advertising agency, and asked if Wartburg would be interested in hosting auditions.

"It'll give us a lot of attention. I think from them being here and all the applicants. The downside is that everyone who is going to audition is going to be over 21. So, they might not be looking to go to college at that point. But on the other hand it gives the college a lot of recognition, [and] give us an exposure in 'The W,'" Director of Communication and Marketing Saul Shapiro said.

Shapiro said Wartburg received recognition on last season's "Big Brother" because a contestant from Rudd, Ryan "Jessie" Godderz wore a Wartburg t-shirt. Wartburg purchased commercials on "Big Brother" after Godderz appeared.

"They were pretty successful. For them, I think they associated "Big Brother" and Wartburg because of that," Shapiro said.

Individuals interested in auditioning for a spot on next season's "Big Brother" must be 21 years old and create a two-minute video explaining why they would be a good houseguest and what sets them apart. Applications can be downloaded at www.cbs.com/casting.

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Hamm open to discussion about the drinking age

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Wartburg College Interim President Hamm is one of the many college and university presidents and chancellors who have signed the Amethyst Initiative, a petition to open up the floor to debate about the legal drinking age.

The Amethyst Initiative is a public statement that has been signed by 135 college and university presidents and chancellors including Hamm and former Wartburg College President Jack Ohle.

"I think it a bit awkward that we send young adults to war at an earlier age than they are allowed to drink. I think the raising of the drinking age and the effect it could have is worth conversation," Hamm said.

The decision to sign the Initiative has placed Hamm in a tough situation.

"I've gotten some unexpected results. I've received nasty letters that are shockingly aggressive. They are accusing me of everything imaginable just because I want to talk about the drinking age," Hamm said.

According to the group's Web site, the Initiative supports an "informed and unimpeded debate on the 21-year-old drinking age." In order to accomplish this goal they will need more signatures.

"When I signed, there were more signatures than there are now. Those that have taken their names off the list decided it was not worth the hassle of the letters," Hamm said.

The Initiative was created by John McCardell, President Emeritus of Middleburry College when he was asked to speak at a meeting of the Annapolis Group, a group of liberal arts colleges. At the meeting, the group realized that there was a common desire to re-open the debate over the drinking age.

The Initiative does not state whether they hope to raise or lower the drinking age, just that they want to be able to debate the issue.

"I don't think the age should be lowered to eighteen because it intrudes with high school seniors," said Hamm.

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Washington Irving to get FEMA funding

JACKIE ALBRECHT *NEWS EDITOR*

Waverly-Shell Rock Superintendent Jere Vyverberg announced Thursday FEMA will pay for the relocation and rebuilding of the 35,218 sq. foot Washington Irving building.

This announcement came after the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division determined the Washington Irving building was over 50 percent damaged in the summer flooding.

"Not only will [the funding] be able to provide us with the resources, it will also be able to get two buildings out of potentially more damaging flood problems," Vyverberg said.

The FEMA funding will combine with funding from the state as well as local bonds. A local bond issue election is schedule for Tuesday, April 7.

If approved, the bond combined with the FEMA money will fund a new school for middle and junior high students.

"It will allow us to have all of our fifth through eighth grades all at one site. It will replace an 86-year old building that has also been flooded three times, and it will also replace a building that was, obviously, over 50 percent damaged and in the floodway, as well as the floodplain," Vyverberg said.

The district said the bond would only increase individual property tax by $1.51 per $1,000 assessed over 20 years.

According to the Waverly-Shell Rock Building for the Future Web site, the school board believes a shared project has many academic and resourcing benefits, as well as only needing to come before voters

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Culver announces grant for new dam during I-JOBS initiative tour

LUKE SHANNO *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver announced that Waverly will receive a $1.1 million Community Development Block Grant towards a new inflatable dam Wednesday.

The grant is added to a $3.1 million Economic Development Assistance Grant, which will enable construction of the $4.2 million inflatable dam project.

The dam, heavily discussed after the flooding in June, will provide protection for an estimted 100-150 businesses and 400-500 residents during a 100-year-flood event.

The announcement came while Culver spoke at the Waverly Civic Center about the $750 million I-JOBS initiative, which focuses on investing in Iowa's infrastructure through "shovel ready" projects.

Culver's visit to Waverly was part of a three-city tour that included stops in Palo and Elkader as well. Culver spoke in front of a reporter-estimated 65 individuals for approximately 40 minutes, fielding questions about his proposed infrastructure investment initiative afterwards.

"Creating I-JOBS will also allow us to build upon the support of federal recovery and disaster funds and, when fully leveraged, this $750 million investment will lead to billions of dollars of projects to improve our state," Culver said in a statement.

The proposal will create a federal-government estimated 2,800 jobs, help areas hit hard by storms of 2008, require no increase in taxes, and utilize near-historic low tax-exempt interest rates, leading to projects that will benefit all citizens while stimulating the local economy.

Luke Shanno/*TRUMPET*

Governor Chet Culver discusses plans for his "shovel ready" I-JOBS initiative Wednesday at the Waverly Civic Center.

Waverly has two "shovel ready" projects that fit the I-JOBS initiative.

The first project is the Brookwood Park Interceptor Sewer Project. This project, phase one of a larger plan, consists of upsizing a sanitary sewer that runs through Brookwood Park to the main lift station. The present line is over capacity. Total cost for the project is $1.7 million.

The second proposed project for Waverly is riverbank stabilization. The Cedar River riverbank is in need of special shaping and reinforcing in order to protect public infrastructure, especially near Cedar Lane Road.

In addition, the drainage system that runs adjacent to the Waverly Bowl Inn sustained

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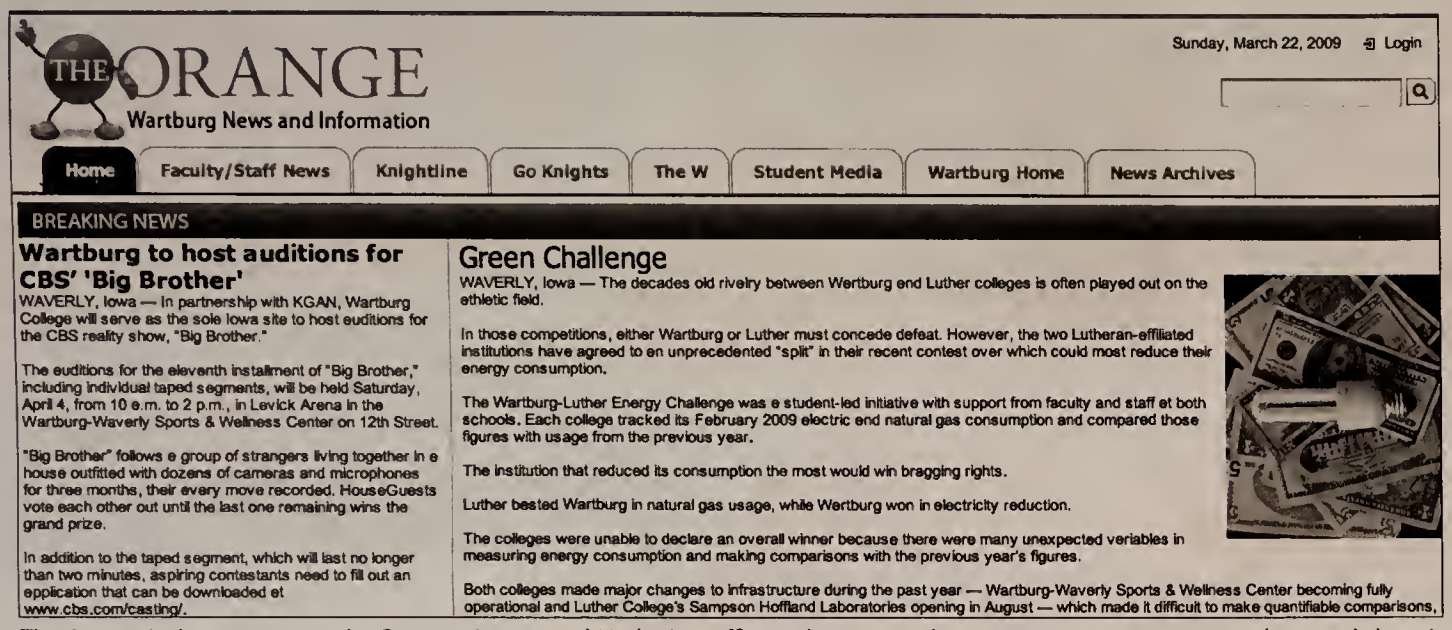

The Orange is the newest way the Communication and Marketing Office is choosing to disseminate campus news to students and alumni.

New site adds zest to Communication/Marketing Office

ASHLEY EVANS *STAFF WRITER*

The Orange, a new online information site, allows Wartburg to get news out without the filters of the mainstream media, Saul Shapiro, director of Communication and Marketing, said.

The site will include breaking news, news releases, feature stories, videos and photos oriented toward the Wartburg community. In a world where everybody has their own Web site, Shapiro said, the college needed a practical way to disseminate news.

"This is the Communications Department," he said, "and we weren't communicating. We didn't *have our own vehicle to get the* news out to people on a regular basis that we could update."

Certain news is not as important to the student audience as to the adults in the Wartburg community, Shapiro said. The information on The Orange is news the college officially wants to release and is produced by the Communication and Marketing staff and work-study students.

Because the college releases the news, The Orange does not work with the student media on campus. Although collaboration with the student media for photos or videos could happen in the future, Shapiro said the shared information would be visuals, not content.

"It's not that the Trumpet doesn't do a good job or the Circuit *doesn't do a good job or the TV* station doesn't, but we need to control our own communications in this department and it's got to be a one-stop shop. The Orange lets us do that," he said.

The layout of The Orange was designed by Circuit manager Spencer Albers. The Circuit is a new online student media site.

The design of The Orange is different from The Circuit, Albers said, because there is more content on the front page.

Albers said he is in charge of managing new items added to The Orange and making everything work on the site.

Shapiro said Albers "guided the blind through the valley" with his knowledge and ability to help the Communications Department get things up and running.

Albers said he wanted to make a new site that could get information out for an audience other than students.

"I think it's a good way for Wartburg as an institution to communicate with its community, alumni, faculty, staff and students," he said. "I think it benefits [users] because you can get a lot of content right there really fast."

In the future, Shapiro said he hopes to have photo galleries of events. Features on Tour Week and May term classes will be also be profiled. In the fall, football games will also be followed with updates every few minutes on the game's status.

Shapiro said he plans on The Orange developing right along with technology, including ideas for a possible mobile phone version of the site.

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Board committed to paying off bonds

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once.

The amount FEMA will give to the district is dependent on the bids for the new building.

"There is 35,218 sq. feet in old Irving and FEMA will cover all of that at whatever price the square foot comes back for the bid," Vyverberg said.

FEMA funding will also support land acquisition, construction of ancillary facilities, parking lots, playground equipment, site preparation, contingency and architectural fees and demolition of the old structure if necessary.

At Thursday's special school board meeting, the board passed a motion showing their commitment to buying down bonds.

"The school board is committed to paying off these bonds as early as possible, and they've demonstrated that commitment to a resolution that stated that," Vyverberg said.

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No threat of tax increase, projects will utilize state gamine revenue

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substantial damages to its wall structure. The cost of this project sits at $600,000.

I-JOBS will be funded using existing state revenues. This equates to projects starting with no change or increase in taxes according to Culver.

Financing for the $750 million will come from up to three series of 20-year, tax-exempt bonds. A pledge of up to $56 million in gaming revenue, and if necessary, a pledge of appropriations will secure the bonds. Existing tax revenues will go towards payments.

Check The Circuit at info.wartburg.edu/thecircuit to see how I-JOBS works and how the projects are selected.

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Unified Sports Day brings people together

EMILY VAN OOSBREE *STAFF WRITER*

Wartburg hosted the 11th annual Unified Sports Day on Saturday with the help of the Special Olympics of Iowa (SOIA).

The Special Olympics Unified Sports Day is a program that combines Special Olympic Athletes with a partner who does not have intellectual disabilities. The pair spends the day together getting to know one another and participating in games and activities such as basketball, bowling, volleyball, and arts and crafts.

The day is not about competition, but instead a program where Wartburg students and community members can spend time with SOIA athletes and learn about persons with intellectual disabilities.

Abbey Hempen, a student-athlete, volunteered to be a partner for a SOIA athlete.

"This was my first year volunteering, but I will definitely do it again next year. It is so heartwarming to be able to have a chance to have fun together," Hempen said.

This year there were about 120 SOIA athletes and an equal number of volunteers. Most of the volunteers are from Wartburg, but there are some from the community as well. Both the SOIA athletes and the volunteers walk away from events like Unified Sports Day with a better understanding of each other.

There are more than 1,300 Special Olympic athletes in Iowa alone. There are eight Unified Sports Day events held in Iowa each year in Waverly, Akron, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Estherville, Granger, Marshalltown, and Muscatine.

At Wartburg, Unified Sports Day is mostly student-run. With the exception of Ann Arns who is the faculty adviser for the event, the steering committee is made up of about 12 students. The students are from all classes and majors, and they are athletes and non-athletes.

"We have a wonderful group of students who run this event," Arns said. "They did a great job this year."

The event was held in "The W," and most of the activities took place on the indoor track. It is also a free event for the SOIA athletes. All food is donated, and the Kiwanis always sponsor Unified Sports Day.

Wade Einck, a SOIA athlete from Decorah, came to Unified Sports Day for the first time this year.

"I had a lot of fun today," Einck said, "I can't wait to come again next year."

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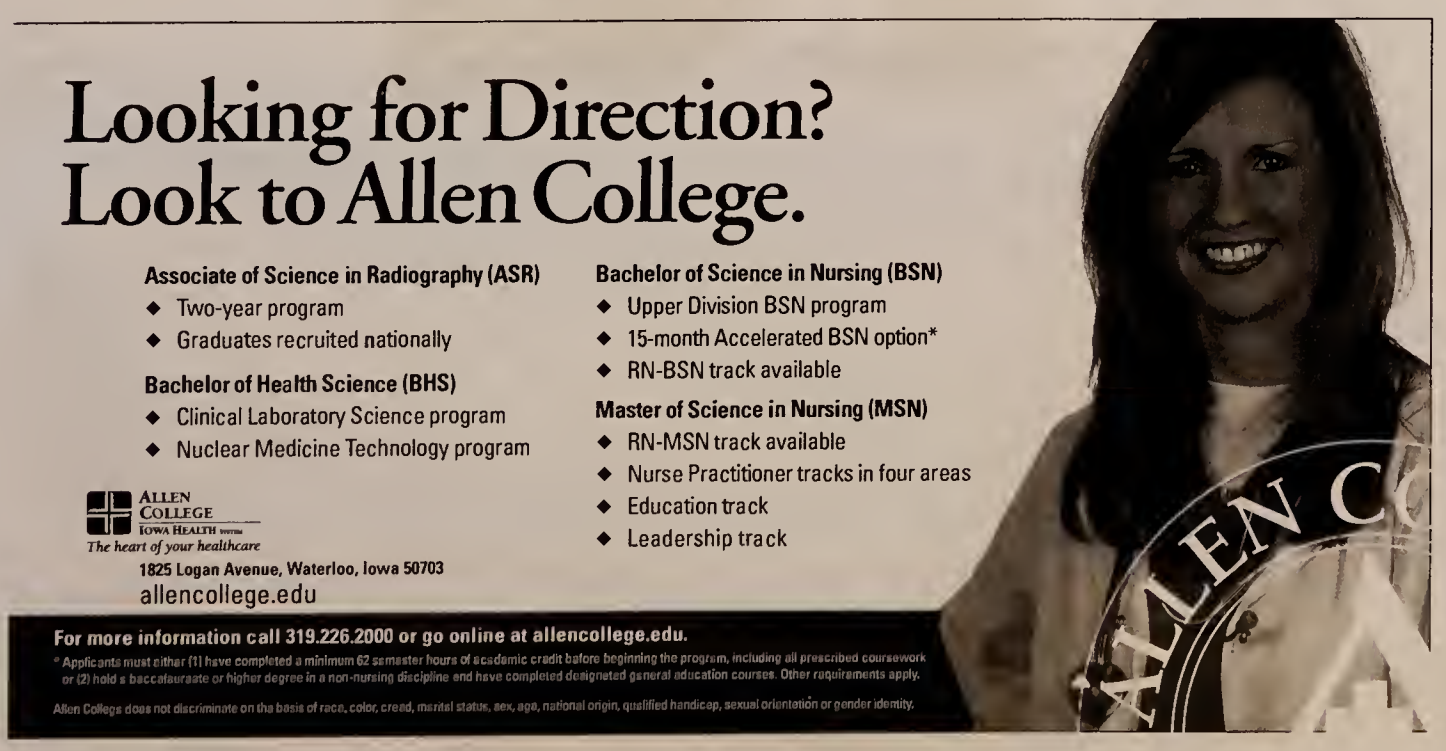

OP/ED

What's Your Take?

Do you think Turnitin.com works in preventing plagiarism?

Alex Nicoll

"Yeah...It scans the Internet for the teachers and it shows whether the kids are cheating or not...It's a good resource to use I suppose."

Hannah Willems

"I think it is. But sometimes it's not good...Even though you quoted it correctly in your paper, it will still say it's plagiarized."

Pajtim Emerllauh

"Yeah, definitely, that's what the Web site is for...I think it's a nice Web site that checks for plagiarism."

Randy Krueger

"I think definitely, if people know that there's a possibilty that their work is going to be checked."

Editorial

A great effort, but still a ways to go

Last month was a great month in terms of conserving energy at Wartburg College.

While there was no declared winner in the challenge with Luther College, we still did very well.

We made good strides for the month of February, but this is something that needs to continue.

Wartburg saw an electricity decrease of 3.62 percent compared to February 2008.

However, Wartburg saw a 1 percent increase in natural gas usage

It's important to remember that it's not just about beating Luther, but also about creating a better and more efficient environment for Wartburg.

We can't expect to just save one month out of the year. This requires a full commitment on the part of students.

Tammy Faux said she would like to see student's take more action and advocate for change.

Students have to voice our opinion in this matter, in order to improve our college, both environmentally and financially.

It's up to the students to make sure that action is taken for the better of society.

Obviously nobody likes walking in the dark hallways at night, but with the right technology, we can fix that.

Faux suggested the idea of a motion sensor, which turns the lights on when people are walking through.

An efficient set up could lead to lower electricity bills.

Lower bills mean the college is saving money. Imagine that, a college saving money.

The students can make that happen. It's a chance to make this change for the betterment of Wartburg College.

After all, wouldn't it be nice to see a greenish tint added in with the orange of Wartburg?

From the Other Side of the Desk

Break out of comfort zone: it's not just a gay thing

CHRIS KNUDSON
WEB DEVELOPER/MANAGER

From March 21-29 Wartburg Alliance will be putting on a series of events for GAYLA Week, a week dedicated to educating the campus about the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals and culture in our society.

The theme for this year's drag show, which is scheduled for March 29 at 7 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium, is "Reality: in someone else's shoes."

I encourage the entire Wartburg campus to put themselves in someone else's shoes this week. To get things started, please think about the following situations:

Imagine telling your family personal things about yourself that you can't change (like your sexual orientation) and then getting kicked out of the house and told to never come back. This is a reality for many LGBT people.

Imagine you have been sharing your life with someone for decades.

One day, your loved one gets deathly ill and is rushed to the emergency room.

You want to know what is going on and to see the person you love before they die, but the doctor won't tell you anything and won't let you see them because you are not legally married. This is a reality for most LGBT people.

Imagine you decide to adopt a child and want to make sure that if you should die that your child will be taken care of by your partner.

Unfortunately, your partner has no legal rights to the child. This is a reality for most LGBT people.

Imagine being picked on by bullies every day from grade school through high school. It might be little things like name calling or pranks, but it starts to wear on you after a while. You don't want to go to school anymore so you drop out or commit suicide. This is a reality for some LGBT people.

It's not easy to think about how some people are oppressed every day of their life. Whether it is reducing racism, sexism, homophobia, ethnocentrism, etc., it has always been necessary for those in the majority to become aware of injustices and inequalities faced by those in the minority.

It takes groups of people of many backgrounds to get behind an idea and to make change occur.

If you are upset about the injustices of the world, take a stand and persuade your friends to take action as well.

Just as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

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What will happen to the newspaper industry

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In these troubling times, nobody is immune from the economic crisis. This is especially true for the newspaper industry.

Of course, the newspaper industry has been struggling for years now. However, it seems as though now more than ever, it has gotten a lot worse. With ad rates falling 16 percent in 2008, according to the 2009 edition of State of the News Media, newspapers and media corporations are struggling to find ways to cut losses.

Recently, the Rocky Mountain News folded up operations after publishing for more than 150 years. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer has moved exclusively to the online brand. The PI had been in publication for more than 140 years.

If that's not enough, the Christian Science Monitor, one of the best newspapers around, will focus less on publishing a daily newspaper and focus more of their content for the online audience.

No doubt about it, these are troubling times for the newspaper industry. It's especially troubling for me, considering that I'm a print major. I'll certainly be looking for a job between now and May 2010. It will be tough.

Once I get one though, I'll need some security with the position. Job security will be crucial.

Layoffs have become common at newspapers across the country. Both the Des Moines Register and the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier have laid off employees.

If there is one place where newspapers can make a strong return, it can be the online sector.

With the Internet news scene in full party mode, it only makes sense that newspapers get involved.

According to the State of the News Media report, the 2008 year was seen as a milestone for the Web in terms of news.

More and more people are flocking to the Web to get their news. Now, we're seeing credible news organizations, like CNN, the Washington Post, ESPN and many more, beef up the online content. Even Wartburg media is producing online content through the use of The Wartburg Circuit.

It's very accessible. By that I mean you don't have to pay for content, at least for most sites.

The best part about news online is you get to choose the story you want to read. No more do you have to shuffle through the business section of a newspaper to get to comics.

The newspaper industry is going through an interesting time. I have no idea what will happen in the next five or 10 years. I don't even know what to expect in the next two years because technology changes so much.

I have confidence in the print medium. No matter what happens, there will always be a need for writers.

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NEWS

Retreat to help students see bigger picture

AMANDA MOENK *STAFF WRITER*

Figuring out what a student wants to do with their life after college can be difficult for any student with any major, said Michael Gleason, associate of vocation and mentoring in Pathways.

Gleason said the Project Purpose Retreat is an opportunity for students to think about what they have to contribute both at Wartburg and once they have graduated. The retreat will be held March 28, at the Waverly City Hall, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"It is like a speed bump," Gleason said. "It will get students to slow down and think about what they have done and why they are interested in that particular area."

Gleason said what students take from this event depends upon the person and what year they are in. He also said students recieve a chance to reflect on what they have accomplished in their academic career and think about what they want to do in the future.

"If students understand how they can contribute to the good of the world after the Project Purpose Retreat, then that is one benefit," Gleason said.

Rachel Claman, Pathways Peer, said students will be able to discuss what they want to do with their lives and ambitions.

"I think students will be able to take time out of their busy schedules and actively discuss life goals," Claman said. "Also, this will be a good opportunity for students to evaluate their everyday lives."

Claman has helped Gleason plan and prepare for this event. This is Gleason's first year holding this event, but it has been done in the past.

"We hope to have 20 students at the retreat," Gleason said. "It is not about the number of students who attend but the depth of experience they get from it."

Keynote speaker, Wartburg alum, Alek Wipperman, will talk about finding meaning in different areas of life and career.

Pathways director Vicki Edelnandt will also be there to discuss what students could do within their major and Pastor Ramona Bouzard will discuss faith and student's calling.

"Students should attend this event because it will be a fun, informative day," Claman said. "It will be filled with good conversation, inspirational speakers and an opportunity to meet others on campus."

To reserve a spot at the Project Purpose Retreat e-mail Gleason at michael.gleason@wartburg.edu by Tuesday, March 24.

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Duff Ridgeway discusses career possibilities in the development field with Wartburg senior Abby Goltz. Ridgeway is the former Director of Development at Wartburg and started as the Director of the Waverly Health Center Foundation March 9.

Ridgeway enjoying new position at Waverly Health Center

ELLEN KURT *ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR*

Former Wartburg Director of Development Duff Ridgeway has made a transition to Director of the Waverly Health Center Foundation.

"There is no way that I could do this job without being director of development at the college," Ridgeway said. "The college gave me that experience that helped me to find out that I could do this."

Ridgeway held his position at Wartburg for six years, and he said he made the transition in order to have more family time.

"My kids aren't getting any younger. I have a daughter 12 and a son 9 and this allows me to spend more time with them, because those are years I'll never get back," Ridgeway said.

His first day as Director of the Waverly Health Center Foundation was March 9, and he said it has been a whirlwind ever since. He went through orientation and now, the hospital is giving him three months to meet with every department head to try to give him a sense of the big picture.

And the people that he is not meeting formally, he meets in a different sort of way. He bought five bags of candy, and walks around the hospital introducing himself. He said the whole idea is to bridge the communication gap a little bit and connect people.

"If I'm not going to do it, then they aren't going to either, because they are busy. It's a little different from the college in that time really is of the essence," Ridgeway said.

His primary function is managing the board of the Waverly Health Center Foundation.

"That first week was developing policies and procedures as far as managing the board, giving them job descriptions, how will we accept gifts, like real estate gifts. So all of those things have to be in place before you really get out there and start giving the appeal to people and making those gifts," Ridgeway said.

He has a dry-erase board in his office so that when he comes in every day, he knows his and the board's goals and what he wants to get done. Printed on it are things like "educate" and "empower."

"[Those on the foundation board] are the leaders. They are the advocates. Those are the folks that establish the direction of the program. [They are] educating and empowering donors to know that they can make a gift," Ridgeway said.

The health center decided to get a full-time person now instead of hiring another part-time, because of all that the job entails. At Wartburg, Ridgeway said there were six other full-time fund raisers, but at the hospital, he is the only fundraiser that is full-time.

"I'm it. I have to portray, and not that I didn't at the college, but I can't bank on anyone else to help me find that answer. It's you or nothing, and so there's a realization that you're going to be a lot of things to a lot of people. It's being very well rounded," Ridgeway said.

He said there are many similarities between fundraising for higher education and fundraising for the health center.

"A lot of people that give in higher education, they've got great memories of what it was like to go to Wartburg," Ridgeway said. "The people that give here, there's more of an emotional tie, such as a loved one that has passed away or a baby that was born or someone discovered the lump in their lung and that was the key to finding the cancer. So there's a little bit different of an emotional connection."

Ridgeway said he will definitely stay connected to Wartburg, but now as an alum, instead of a staff member.

"Wartburg has been fantastic to me, both personally, I was a student here, alma mater, and professionally. I owe a debt of gratitude to the college," Ridgeway said.

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New organization brings light to misconceptions about disabilities

JOSH MONIZ *STAFF WRITER*

A new organization has started on campus called Shades of Orange, which attempts to raise awareness and understanding about students with disabilities and discuss what issues are affecting them.

Three students started the organization: Tom Dirth, Tim Holub and Megan Herickhoff.

Tim Holub

"We want it to be a place they can go to share their experiences and challenges," Dirth said.

Herickhoff said people treat and look at her differently when she tells them about her narcolepsy.

Dirth said he receives unwanted attention.

"My pet peeve is the fact that people's attention is so caught by changes in mobility," Dirth said.

He recently switched to using a wheel chair instead of crutches.

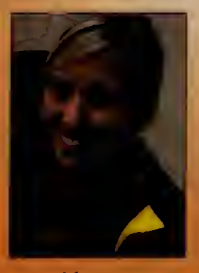
Holub also uses a wheelchair.

"What annoys me is how people automatically assume I was in a car accident," Holub said.

Tom Dirth

The organization's membership is not just limited to students with physical disabilities.

Faculty members and students who have friends or family with disabilities are encouraged to attend and share their experiences.



Megan Herickhoff

The group said they want Shades of Orange to be about support, advocacy and awareness.

Although the organization is currently only for on-campus students, the organization might choose to expand.

"I think it would be great to do outreach to high school seniors and tell them that Wartburg is a disabilities-friendly campus.

"We can tell them that their disabilities don't have to just be baggage when they enter college," Dirth said.

The organization is advised by Carla Coates.

The group will meet every other week.

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Wartburg celebrates women's history

TEALA KRAPFL *STAFF WRITER*

Women's History Month, celebrated during March, focuses on increasing understanding of the feminist movement.

"A feminist is somebody who fights for equal rights for everyone," Penni Pier, director of women's studies, said. "Someone with an understanding and an appreciation for our differences."

Stephanie Evans, a women's studies minor, sees the feminist movement as a fight for equality.

"It's not only between men and women," she said, "but between everyone, whether it's race, sexual orientation or age."

Evans and Pier agreed that feminism comes with a largely negative connotation in today's society. Pier said people need to understand that feminism is not a dirty word.

"It should be a word that people embrace," she said.

Even men, such as Matt Langston, call themselves feminists.

"I know that ice is cold, fire is hot and women are my equal," he said.

He thinks celebrating women's history is important.

"I didn't decide to be a feminist," he said. "It was more, 'Oh! I believe those things. I must be a feminist.'"

Pictures of men and women who understand feminism and support its fight for equality are posted around campus.

"Everyone has women in their lives who are important," Shannon Arnold, a women's studies minor, said.

Wartburg is celebrating Women's History Month to open students' eyes to the achievements of the women's rights movement.

"It's about women and men and living together in a culture that embraces humanity and social justice," Pier said.

Pier hopes activities will encourage conversations about women's history, the feminist movement and what it all means.

"I really hope that we just continue the dialogue about what it means to promote equity, fairness and a sense of social justice," she said.

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Women's History Month
Wartburg Events

Rebecca Hackemann exhibit
March 12 to April 12
Schmidt Art Gallery

"Running in High Heels" film
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24
Heritage Ballroom

Lynn Sharon Schwartz visit
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31
Castle Room

Use of social networks outpaces e-mail

Employers browse applicants' profiles for red flags, search for warning signs

EMILY SCHMITT *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

The United States' use of social networks surpassed e-mail this month, according to Nielsen Media Research. Nielson found that one in every 11 online minutes is spent on a social networking Web site.

Nielsen reported more than two-thirds of the world's online population now uses social networks and blogs.

As these Web sites' popularity continues to increase, social network users need to be aware of how they portray themselves on the Internet, web developer/ manager Chris Knudson said.

"One of the things that worries me is the fact that people don't think twice about putting their information out there through social media," he said.

Knudson advises students to be careful with their online personality.

"Most employers know that students drink, that they party," he said. "They want to see if you have the judgment to not make things like that public. They want to see if students are aware of what they're doing and how it affects them."

Penni Pier, associate professor of communication arts, agreed that employers are using these Web sites to get to know applicants.

"When students are posting things, they want to make sure not to post anything they don't want employers to see," Pier said.

She said employers are able to access information that they cannot ask for in an interview, such as past employment, home address, relationship status and interests.

Although this information should not affect employment, it could sway an employer's opinion of an applicant.

"Especially in tough academic times, they might eliminate those they don't want to interview," Pier said.

Kndtson also said students need to be more cautious in the current economy as they prepare to apply for internships and jobs.

"They're looking for the best employees possible. And especially right now, in this market, you don't want anything to be a red flag," he said.

"You want to make sure that everything about you is polished and professional when you're looking for a job."

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TOP 10 SOCIAL NETWORKS as of Jan. 2009

1. Facebook
2. MySpace
3. Classmates
4. LinkedIn
5. Reunion
6. Windows Live Home
7. Club Penguin
8. AOL Community
9. Twitter
10. Ning

*Nielsen Media Research

Knight Net connects students to possible jobs

EMILY SCHMITT *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

Social networking Web sites continue to gain popularity and Wartburg is following suit with its own online community, Knight Net.

"It's just a way for our alumni to be able to connect with each other, with students," Jeff Beck, director of alumni and parent programs, said.

In addition to alumni, Wartburg's juniors and seniors are invited to build their presence on the Web site. Beck urges students to create a profile and begin building a network of Wartburg students and alumni.

He said the network students build on Knight Net can be especially important when they begin to search for internships and employment, especially in the current job market.

"It has potential to be a great way for students to network with alums," Beck said.

"The power of the Wartburg network for people to find jobs, get internships and get referrals is huge."

Especially in a tough job market, he thinks students should take advantage of the Web site.

"The number of people that get jobs because of Wartburg connections right now is really high. It could be even higher if people would figure out how to use this site," Beck said.

Beck encourages students to use Knight Net to build a professional online presence and secure Facebook so only friends have access to their social life.

Launched in the spring of 2007, Knight Net offers a safe, friendly environment for alumni.

"It gives our alums a very protected environment that they can use and where they're only going to be dealing with Wartburg people," Beck said.

Currently, 3,411 people have created Knight Net profiles.

The Web site allows users to create groups, similar to Facebook. Groups are based on graduation year, geographic location and college activities.

Knight Net also allows users to search for careers and post job openings at their business.

There is a discussion board as well, allowing users to post comments to questions.

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Students choose to give up Facebook for Lent

EMILY SCHMITT *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

Four Wartburg students are anxiously counting down the 40 days of Lent, waiting to sign into their Facebook profiles.

Nicole Lequia, Trisha Federspiel, Mandi Jones and Kyle Fleming gave up Facebook for Lent.

"It's something that takes a lot of time away from my day, because I check it constantly," Lequia said.

She checks Facebook as soon as she wakes up and finds herself logging into her profile whenever she has Internet access.

Federspiel gave up the Web site to challenge herself to do something else with her free time.

"I'm addicted to it, so I figured it would be the hardest thing to give up," she said.

Fleming also gave up Facebook, along with other Web sites he normally spends a lot of time looking at.

"What I gave up for Lent is mindless Internet browsing, basically all non-productive Internet browsing," Fleming said.

Since browsing Web sites, such as Facebook, is something he does every day, Fleming decided he would try to live without them. He related it to Jesus living without food in the desert.

He used to have Facebook open whenever he was near his computer, and friends knew he would respond almost immediately to a Facebook message.

Since Lent began, Fleming has found more time to spend on homework, and he has noticed an increase in his grades.

"It's a good thing to not have that distraction and to focus on homework. But, at the same time, I'm still kind of missing it," he said.

Jones also realized giving up Facebook would save her time.

"My roommate told me I was on Facebook too much, and I realized I was," Jones said. "I was on it constantly. It would just always be up on my computer screen."

Jones said she is addicted to Facebook and prepared herself for the weeks without it. A friend sent her a link to a list of tips for giving up Facebook.

Jones found dozens of Web sites and over 100 Facebook groups to offer advice to those giving up Facebook.

The Chicago Tribune published a story that listed 10 tips for giving up Facebook during Lent.

The tips included joining a real group to replace virtual groups, writing down birthdates that will occur during Lent and disabling e-mail updates.

Lequia said the first week of Lent was difficult, especially because she gets e-mail updates from Facebook.

"It's hard because I want to talk to some people who don't go to Wartburg. But, if I really wanted to talk to them, I could call them," she said.

Jones said she uses MSN Messenger to keep in contact with her closest friends from home, so she doesn't feel completely isolated.

The four students agreed that they will limit their Facebook use when Lent is over.

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NEWS

Local thrift store sees increase in sales, donations down

JOSH MONIZ *STAFF WRITER*

Trinkets and Togs, a local thrift store, is seeing a significant increase in business as the economic crisis continues. The store takes donations from the community, and then resells them for low prices.

"This year certainly has been new as far as volume of business is concerned. Between the economy and the flood, people have been looking for a smart place to buy or replace items they need," said Linda Hughes, the vocational program director.

Store patrons said they shop there for various reasons.

"I go because it's cheap and has useful stuff like clothes. Mostly ,I go because it's a fun shop to check out," Jess Malone said.

"I go there, because I can find some great deals, especially with books. I found a book that had gone for $40, and I bought it for 50 cents," said Matt Voigt, a Wartburg graduate.

Trinkets and Togs is part of the Larrabee Center. According to the center's mission statement, it is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting persons with disabilities and the elderly to become or remain productive members of the community.

Those that the center assists can be employed at the store as shelf stockers or clerks.

Not everything has been positive for Trinkets and Togs. Hughes said the store was facing a significantly negative trend in donations.

"With the economy, people are holding onto what they buy longer. So, less people are willing to donate," Hughes said.

Hughes said the store is organizing several clothes drives to get more product.

Amanda Gahler/*TRUMPET*

Wartburg student Mandie Jones browses her choices at Trinkets and Togs. The business has seen more customers but has recived less product for sales due to the state of the economy.

In addition, the store has faced other difficulties since the last year.

The basement of the administrative headquarters of the center was flooded during the Cedar River flood. Also, a new Trinkets and Togs store in Parkersburg was demolished by last year's tornado.

"The tornado took the whole store, right down to the concrete," said Lori Shepherd, store supervisor of the Waverly location.

In addition to its services as a thrift store, Trinkets and Togs performs the service of "bailing" goods that it cannot keep, by donating them to third-world countries.

Trinkets and Togs is located next to the Fainting Goat, across from the Wartburg campus.

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Bartels and Wartburg to break ground on Eisenach Village

JASON MEYER *STAFF WRITER*

The final plan for the Wartburg College and Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community housing collaboration, Eisenach Village, was approved by the Waverly City Council in a March 16 meeting.

Construction and infrastructure costing around $1.5 million were approved by the council at the meeting. Bartels expects to break ground some time in April or May.

Eisenach Village will be a 32-acre independent-living community located north of the Bartels campus for people primarily 55 and older that will be owned and operated by Bartels.

Wartburg sold the land to Bartels for the housing project. Vice President for Enrollment Management and Bartels board member Edith Waldstein said the two sides came together for the project two years ago.

"The primary motivation is a relationship between students and seniors," Waldstein said.

Waldstein said more ongoing relationships between seniors and students include learning opportunities for students through internships, student performances and poster sessions for psychology and biology at the village's community center.

City economic developer Jason Passmore said an increase in housing for the 55 and older age group is needed as seniors were most affected by last year's flood.

"The relationship between Bartels and Wartburg coming to a mutual agreement will help benefit Waverly," Passmore said.

The individual homes range in price from $155,000 to $255,000 and in size between 1,100 and 1,800 square feet.

Bartels has closed on two homes and has 18 charter members considering buying a home.

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Study shows problems with frequently used academic site

Turnitin.com gets mixed reviews from Wartburg students

ANDREW NOSTVICK *OP/ED EDITOR*

New information from a study about Turnitin.com, the Web site many Wartburg professors use to check student papers for plagiarism, has found some problem with the site.

According to a report in Inside Higher Ed, a study done by Texas Tech University found issues with Turnitin.com and a similar Web site, SafeAssign, such as false positives and incorrect links to sources.

The report found the use of general phrases were flagged by Turnitin. As for incorrect links, the story reported there were some mismatches in terms of links for the plagiarized material.

English department Chair Judy Griffith said professors are not required to use the Turnitin service. However, she does use it for her EN 111 and EN 112 classes. Both classes are taken during a student's first year.

"First year students are the least experienced in research and citation," Griffith said.

Griffith said she uses Turnitin.com to check rough drafts of student papers to show students, mainly first years, what their research is like so they can make changes on the final draft.

"There's no point in using it for the final draft. If I use it for the rough draft and a student's got problems where they forgot to cite stuff or they don't have enough research in it, then that's what they have got to fix for the final," she said.

Since using Turnitin, Griffith said she's had only three papers with a high percentage of plagiarized material. Two of the papers she believes were intentional, but a third was a problem that both Griffith and the student realized needed to be taken care of.

"Because I saw it early in the draft stage," Griffith said, "it never got to the stage of some big problems."

Professor Fred Ribich said Wartburg brought in Turnitin in 2004 and the contract has to be renewed every year.

Ribich said 26 professors used the site to some extent in the last school year.

"I think it's useful," Ribich said. ". . .it helps to sensitize students to the issues of plagiarism and . . . that's the key benefit of it."

Sami Anderson has not had any problems with Turnitin, despite only using it for a limited time.

"Turnitin.com is a convenient way to turn in papers," Anderson said. "We can turn assignments in at any time and less paper is wasted in the process."

Eric Billings has used the program for several of his classes. He said Turnitin has been a hassle for one of his classes due to a professor not being completely comfortable with setting up the program.

He has also had issues with Turnitin, when submitting and uploading assignments.

"I understand why we use Turnitin and support the goal of preventing plagiarism, but I think it's more trouble than it's worth," Billings said.

Griffith doesn't think the drawbacks from the study should be an issue.

"This is Wartburg. I just don't find students to be dishonest, but if you do the full-blown writing process, you know they're working through the steps," Griffith said.

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SPORTS

Baseball finishes weekend roadtrip 1-2

ERIC THIELE *STAFF WRITER*

The Wartburg baseball team finished a three-game weekend roadtrip against Loras 1-2. The Duhawks topped the Knights in both of Saturday's games.

In the final game of the weekend, the Knights held a 2-1 lead, but the Duhawks fought back and came out on top 3-2.

The Knights were down 1-0 in the top of the fifth inning when Zach Nagle was able to tie the game on a sacrifice, which allowed A.J. Lewis to score.

In the next at bat, Ben Roemmich, was able to hit a single up the middle and Isiah Stevens was able to score, giving the Knights a 2-1 lead.

That lead only lasted until the bottom of the fifth when Loras' Alex Miklo homered to tie the game. In the bottom of the seventh, Loras was able to win the game on a single.

Roemmich and Billy Schmitt led the way with two hits each. Roemmich also had one RBI in the loss. Schmitt went six and two-thirds innings, giving up seven hits on the mound.

"Schmitt pitched well enough to win the game, we just weren't able to give him any support," head coach Joel Holst said.

Earlier on Saturday, the Knights lost 7-2. The Knights were down 1-0 when they went to bat in the top of the third inning.

Roemmich started the inning by drawing a walk, before a Danny Rose single advanced Roemmich to third. A sacrifice by Mike Johnson scored Roemmich, tying the game at one.

With the bases loaded, Kyle Jones was able to drive in the second run of the inning giving the Knights a 2-1 lead.

Loras answered with three runs in the bottom of the third and again in the bottom of the fourth making it 7-2. The Knights were unable to answer.

Danny Rose led the way with three of the Knights' six hits for the game. Johnson and Jones each had one RBI. Brad Watson went six innings, giving up 10 hits and seven runs while on the mound.

"It was just a disappointing start to the conference season. Just was not a good day overall for the baseball team. To lose two of three is not a good start," Holst said.

On Friday night, the Knights were able to defeat Loras 8-5.

The Knights were able to jump out to an early lead as they scored two runs in the first inning.

Roemmich was able to score on a double by Jerrold Martijn. Schmitt was also able to drive in a run in the inning as well on a single to left field that scored Johnson.

In the second inning, the Knights were able to add to their lead by putting up three runs. Rose was able to hit an RBI double that scored Lewis and advanced Nagle to third.

Johnson then came up with two outs and hit a two-run single to left field that scored Rose and Nagle.

The Knights were unable to keep their lead as the Duhawks answered with two runs in the fourth inning and three runs in the fifth to tie the game at five.

The score stayed locked until the eighth inning when Patrick Grau led off with a double. Schmitt was able to drive him in with a single.

After Lewis and Nagle were able to get on base and advance to second and third, Roemmich was able to reach on a throwing error by the Loras shortstop. The error scored both Lewis and Nagle, giving the Knights an 8-5 lead which held for the win.

Schmitt led the team in hits with three and also had two RBIs. Rose and Grau each were able to contribute two hits and Rose had two RBIs while Grau had one.

"It is going to come back to the 13 seniors and what they want out of this season. Hopefully we will bounce back from this weekend. One day is not going to break our season," Holst said.

The Knights will host Simpson in their home opener on Friday. First pitch is set for 6 p.m.

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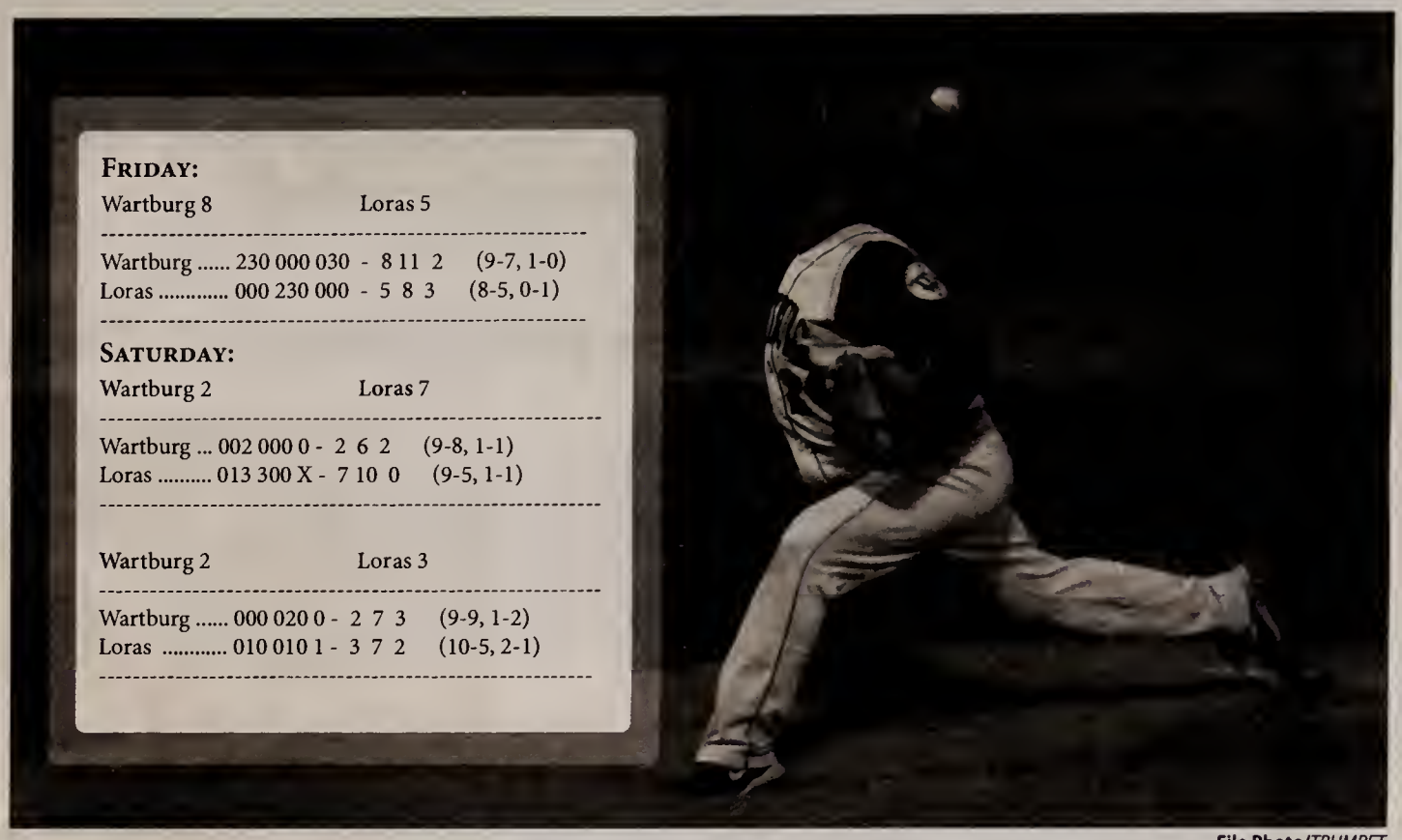

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Billy Schmitt was on the mound for six and two-thirds innings as the Knights faced Loras in their home opener Friday and Saturday.

Knights post win over St. Ambrose in weekend tourney

PAM RODGERS *STAFF WRITER*

The men's tennis team went 1-2 last weekend in the Quad Cities Tennis Club tournament hosted by Augustana College.

The Knights' win came Friday against St. Ambrose pulling out a 5-4 win. The two losses came on Saturday, losing to Monmouth College 5-4 and to host Augustana 7-2.

"Three tough matches....the opponents we faced were all evenly matched, maybe a stroke or two ahead of us one through six. But we were focused and fought for each ball out on the court. I don't think there was a man who left the court with much left in the gas tank at the end of the day, and that was encouraging to see," head coach Ben Oestreich said.

In the match with the Augustana Vikings, Wartburg's two points came from the singles competition. No. 1 Mitch Eslick won the first set in a tie-break 7-6 and the second set 6-4 against his foe Chris Mullin. At No. 5, Pat Mullen defeated his opponent Chris Fowler in straight sets 6-3, 6-1.

"Pat Mullen stepped up his game this weekend. He was playing like a senior who knew how important each point is to his team and fought for every ball," Oestreich said.

The Knights battled against the Monmouth Scots getting edged out by just one point. The victories came from Eslick again as he battled his opponent Kyle Korb to a tie-break. He dropped the first set 6-7 but then battled back and took set two 6-1. Then, Eslick was victorious in the tie-break, winning 10-6.

Also scoring singles wins were No. 2 Chris Buckingham and No. 3 Tom Koenen. Buckingham fought back after losing the first set 2-6 to force a tie-breaker by winning the second set 6-4. He came out on top 10-6 to help the Knights. Koenen made short work of his foe Eric Brandhorst winning in straight sets 6-2, 6-4.

Wartburg's fourth point came from the No. 1 doubles duo of Eslick and Koenen who topped their opponents 8-3.

In Friday's action against St. Ambrose, the Knights came out on top. The Knights' wins came out of No. 2, 3 and 5 singles and No. 1 and 3 doubles.

"The key was No. 3 doubles getting a win. Chris Buckingham and Pat Mullen came from behind and passed their opponents for the win. Hopefully this is the start of turning the corner for them," Oestreich said.

The Knights have their home meet coming up next weekend. Warburg will square off against Concordia (Wis.) and University of Wisconsin – La Crosse. First serve is set for 10 a.m.

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Sports Brief

Knights finish 13th in Georgia golf field

The Wartburg women's golf team came home from Jekyll Island, Ga. with a 13th place finish this weekend. Steph Burns led the way with a three-day score of 255. The score tied her for 21st place individually. Kate Thompson was Wartburg's only other finisher in the top-40, tying for 39th with a score of 263. The women will take a week off before hosting their home tournament April 4 at Centennial Oaks Golf Club.

Newsom named Div. III women's Coach of the Year

Indoor track and field head coach Marcus Newsom was honored last week by being named United States Track and Field and Cross Country Association's Div. III women's indoor Coach of the Year. This is the third time Newsom has recieved this honor. He was also honored in 2004 and 2007. Newsom and his squad are coming off the Knights first indoor team national title.

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Upcoming Schedule

Friday - Baseball v. Simpson @ 6 p.m.
Track and Field @ University of Missouri Relays @ TBA

Saturday - Softball v. Coe @ 2 p.m.
Tennis v. Concordia (Minn.) and UW - La Crosse @ 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Knights finish perfect weekend at home

SETH DRURY *ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR*

Four games in three days proved to be no problem for the Knights as they swept through the weekend winning by a combined weekend score of 44-0.

On Sunday, Wartburg looked to continue it's streak of 43 consecutive scoreless innings for its pitching staff. Lexy Determan took the mound for the opening game of the day.

Amy Daniels followed Lynn Heitkamp's walk with a double that pushed Heitkamp to third. Tina VandeHoef knocked in Heitkamp with a grounder to open up the game 1-0.

Ashley Stout started the top of the second inning with a single. Determan gave herself some insurance runs by blasting a two-run homerun. A single by Beth Schaufenbuel gave way to Daniels knocking a homer to left field. The next at bat Emily Braem matched Daniels with a homer to left field of her own. With five runs crossing in the second, the Knights were up 6-0.

"We've seen the offensive potential of our team breakthrough in the past couple of games. Our athletes have been working on their swing in the past couple of practices and it's rewarding for them to see all of that translate out onto the field," head coach Kara Kehe said.

Determan continued to be unhittable through the fourth when Wartburg decided to expand their lead. Schaufenbuel homered to left after a Leane Yoder single to make it 8-0. Two singles by Heitkamp and Braem continued the inning for VandeHoef who homered, knocking in three more runs making the final score 11-0.

Determan closed the game throwing a perfect game striking out 12 of the 15 batters she faced. Determan lowered her team best 0.14 ERA.

"She (Determan) was actually really talkative in the dugout, and she and I talked in the dugout about things to work on through the game and it was really nice to see her throw well," Kehe said.

In the second game the Knights continued where they left off with five runs in the first inning off seven hits. In the second inning Determan knocked in Braem with a single.

Angela Hartwig struck out nine, walked none and posted no runs or hits in four innings on the mound.

"The pitchers have thrown great the past few games. Hartwig, Determan and (Jacie) Smith complement each other nicely. Each is playing their role and throwing well which puts our team in a good position every game."

In the fourth inning, a Daniels homerun in the third brought the score to 7-0. Wartburg scored six runs on six hits in the fourth stretching the lead to 13-0.

In the fifth, Smith relieved Hartwig and closed out the game as she retired three straight batters to seal the win for Wartburg, 13-0.

The Knights came out on top on Friday too with scores of 11-0 and 9-0. The first of two games started off quickly as the Knights jumped out to a 9-0 lead after the first inning, highlighted by two homers by Daniels and Determan. In the inning the Knights knocked out eight hits and produced nine runs.

In the third VandeHoef had a two-run shot to left field that set the score at 11-0.

Determan earned the win, pitching three innings giving up three hits and striking out five. Smith relieved her in the fourth retiring six straight batters to close out the game.

Paige Gerstner knocked in two runs on a single to make the score 2-0 in the bottom of the third in the second contest of the day.

The Knights scored seven runs off of eight hits in the bottom of the fifth. Angela Hartwig pitched five scoreless innings scattering three hits walking one and striking out 11.

"We're just working to get our team better. Individuals doing what they can do to contribute to a team effort we're really excited to get our schedule underway and start playing in the conference," Kehe said.

The Knights will open up IIAC play by hosting Coe on Saturday with the first pitch set for 2 p.m.

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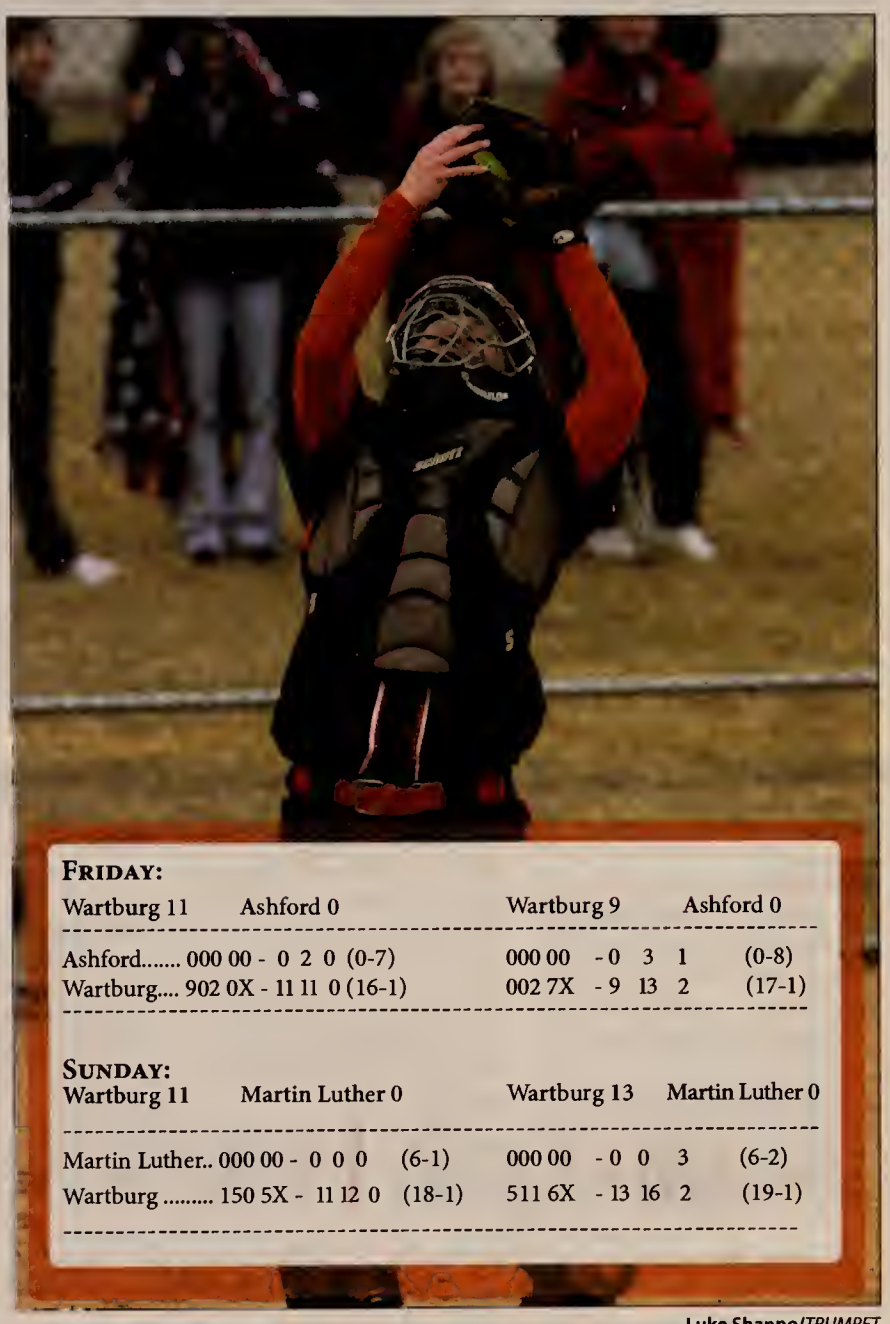

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Luke Shanno/*TRUMPET*
Leane Yoder catches a pop fly during the Knights' win over Ashford at Lynes Field Friday.

False reports tie NFL star to Iowa Community College

MAC SLAVIN *SPORTS EDITOR*

I recently joined Twitter so I could see the latest and greatest sports news around the country and Cedar Valley. I receive headlines from national sports news stations such as ESPN and the Minnesota Twins, but I also get sports updates from the Waterloo Courier.

One of the Courier's recent tweets, or headlines, was that the football program at North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) was going to be eliminated because of funding issues.

A couple days later an update popped up saying that Adrian Peterson (AP) had agreed to save the program. Now, this intrigued me, because I'm a Vikings fan and because it would save an athletic program. I thought it was awesome for an NFL player to step up and make a financial contribution to a program that was in need.

An article published in the Mason City Globe Gazette, reported an official NIACC statement. The statement said AP would be donating "close to $150,000." The article also said that AP was contacted because one of NIACC's assistant coaches knew the Viking from his high school days in Oklahoma.

But the fairy tale ended there. An article and tweet published on Saturday claimed that the awesome offers AP extended to the failing program were a hoax. The assistant coach that claimed to have talked to Peterson said he never actually made contact with the Vikings running back.

The best part of the article came at the end, when it said that the assistant coach wasn't even really an assistant coach. Confused? Yeah, I was too. The article explained that the man who claimed to know AP was just invited from Oklahoma to help out with spring workouts, and he'd only been on campus for a day.

As a Viking fan and a football fan, I think this is ridiculous. I think it's ridiculous yet hilarious that this guy had only been in Iowa for something like 24-hours and already has a track record like Dennis Rodman's.

But I think it's ridiculous because a prank like this could hurt the college's reputation and AP's reputation.

Think of it like this. The college is already having to do some major public relations work, because they are eliminating a program; adding a hoax like this, just turns it into a public relations nightmare. And I can't even imagine what AP is thinking.

The article said that nobody even contacted him. Imagine sitting down to read the paper and learning that you promised to donate almost $150,000 to a football program you've probably never heard of. If I were AP, I'd be outraged.

The big problem is that it's a double-edged sword. If he donates to the program he has no ties to, he's out $150,000; and if he doesn't he's considered a bad guy for not helping out a program in need.

Either way AP has some serious and probably unwanted attention coming his way. I feel bad for NIACC's program and wish that someone could help them out, but it needs to come from alumni or someone actually tied to the program; not to mention someone who's actually offered to donate the money.

Hopefully I'll hear something on Twitter soon about the NIACC football program being saved, but until then I'll have to stick to checking scores and weird news.

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KNIGHTS CROWNED DIV. III NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

KNIGHTS CAPTURE SEVENTH TEAM TITLE

Head coach Jim Miller and the Wartburg wrestling team successfully defended their 2008 national championship by capturing their seventh NCAA Div. III national title Saturday at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Wartburg, tied for second in the national team rankings going into the tournament, amassed 117.5 total points to earn the team victory. The Knights outscored top-ranked Augsburg College by 12.5 points, after falling to the Auggies at the NCWA/Cliff Keen Div. III National Duals in Cedar Falls and in a dual match in Minneapolis.

The Knights qualified nine wrestlers for the tournament, and finished with seven All-Americans, including two first-place finishes from seniors Aaron Wernimont of Pocahontas and Justin Hanson of Dakota City.

Senior Zach McKray from Iowa City turned in a second-place finish. Senior Jacob Naig of Emmetsburg, junior Matt Kelly of Dubuque, sophomore Mark Kist of Eagle Grove and sophomore John Helgerson of West Union all added third-place finishes for the Knights.

Junior Nick Shandri of Urbandale went 2-2 during the tournament while senior Romeo Djoumessi of Waverly went 1-2 during the event.

Wartburg found themselves in a tie for third place after the first session Friday morning and knew they had their work cut out for them.

The Knights went 6-1 in the quarterfinals, amassing 51.5 points, enough to pass Augsburg, Delaware Valley and Coe.

"We didn't panic. The only thing we could do was either stay on that track or change it. It's hard to change it, but they did it," Miller said.

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HANSON HANGS ON FOR STORYBOOK ENDING

After not qualifying for the national tournament in 2007, Justin Hanson had to watch as his teammates grabbed All-American honors. In 2008, Hanson took his initial steps towards cementing himself in Wartburg wrestling history by taking seventh at 165 lbs. and clinching an All-American honor.

Hanson, a senior from Dakota City, wanted his 2009 season to be something even more special, and managed to fulfill that goal by taking the individual title at 165 lbs.

"I have to be motivated to wrestle well, and I was really motivated coming into this year," Hanson said. "I was working my butt off this year, I'm not the fastest one in the room, but I just needed to motivate myself one way or another to become the best because I absolutely hate losing."

For Hanson, that meant taking full advantage of the time in the Walker Wrestling Room.

"I knew I needed to start going as hard as I could at practice and really work hard."

For Hanson, the entire season represented a roller coaster, much like his career experiences.

"At the beginning of the year, we were working hard and everything was coming together. Then we had a few setbacks as a team, first with Augsburg and then Delaware Valley. That really got it in our minds that we had to do something different," Hanson said.

"The last two months of practice we just busted our butts and you can see that by the places that we got, seven wrestlers in the top three."

Hanson's road to the national championship was no walk in the park. He started his quest with a 4-1 decision over UW – Whitewater's Patrick Nagel.

Then, Hanson beat Lycoming's Christopher Dahlheimer 7-6, setting him up in a rematch with No. 4-ranked Josh Terrell from the University of Dubuque. The two met in the Iowa Conference tournament where Hanson had to take a medical forfeit and drop out of the match.

Revenge was sweet for Hanson as he managed a 3-1 decision over Terrell and secured his spot in the finals.

In the finals, Hanson again found himself across from a familiar foe, North Central's Ben Youel, who was ranked No. 3.

Youel took an 8-3 decision over Hanson at Wartburg's home meet, the Dick Walker Invitational earlier in the year.

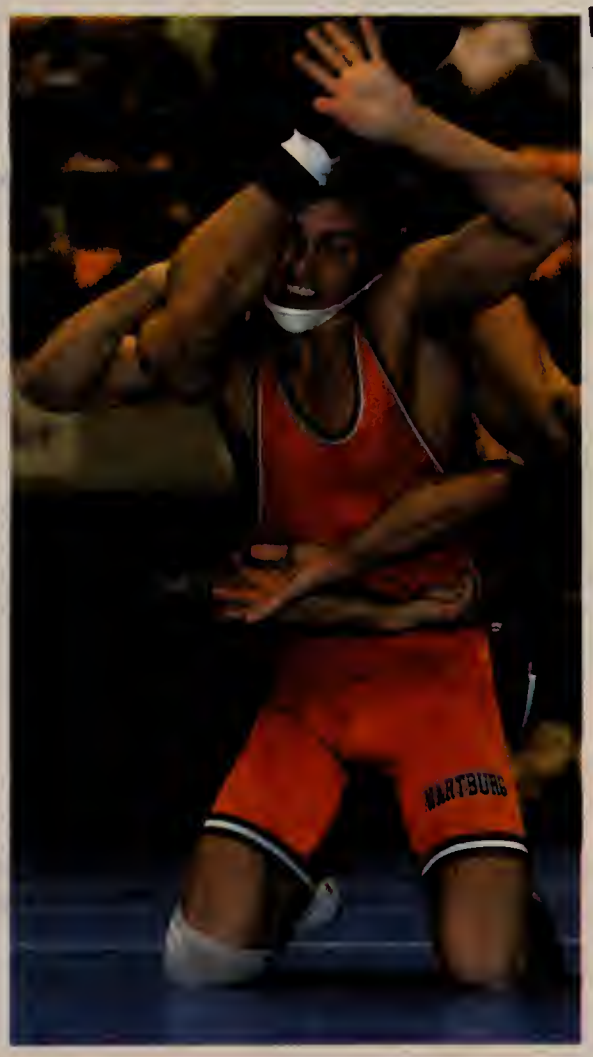
Hanson avenged his loss to Youel earlier in the season with a 7-3 decision to capture the title at 165 lbs.

"Justin Hanson jumped levels," head coach Jim Miller said. "He jumped a number of levels to get where he's at now. He's worked hard and seen other guys working hard, and that pushed him to this level."

Emotions were high after the match and words were few for the second-time All-American and first-time national champion.

"It's just very exciting. That's all I can say."

WERNIMONT WALKS AWAY WITH BACK-TO-BACK TITLES



Aaron Wernimont knows success. His career notes resonate that notion – two team national championships, one team runner-up finish, two individual national championships and a sixth-place finish.

Wernimont concluded his Wartburg wrestling campaign riding a hot-streak.

In his senior season, Wernimont compiled a 44-0 record to follow up his 37-1 performance in the 2008 season.

With his 44 wins in 2009, he pushed his consecutive-unbeaten streak to 80-straight matches.

In the same time-span, he captured two individual national titles and helped Wartburg to back-to-back national titles.

"It's great. It's exactly how I wanted to go out. Coming into the tournament, you know it's going to be a tough battle, and you never know what can happen at nationals," Wernimont said. "I came in, took it match by match and luckily I was able to come out on top."

Wernimont's trek to the championship saw a mixed bag of results as he proved he could be dominant on the mat as well as win the close tilts.

In the first round, Wernimont took a 7-6 decision over Case Western Reserve University's Issac Dukes. Wernimont then scored a pin in the over Ithaca's William Horwath in 3:23.

Wernimont vaulted himself into the finals after knocking off Luke Miller of Ohio Northern 8-3 in the semifinals.

The final lived up to its billing as No. 1-ranked Wernimont took on No. 2-ranked Jason Brew from Olivet. An escape point scored in the third period proved to be enough for Wernimont as he took home the hardware over Brew by a 2-1 margin.

"Aaron has been one of the best guys ever to put on our uniform, when you look at his record and what he's done. He's got the highest winning percentage in the history of Wartburg College," head coach Jim Miller said.

Wernimont's numbers are impressive, but it is the intangibles that set him apart, according to his coaches.

"He's been the rock of our team all year. He's undefeated and competed hard all year, and he's one guy that we looked to all season," Miller said.

The success on the mat hasn't come without hard work, but this year's results make it all worth it for Wernimont.

"The team championship really makes it complete. Walking out of here if we hadn't of won it as a team, it would have still been nice, but the team championship really puts the icing on the cake," Wernimont said.

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"They got together as a group without me and had a meeting among themselves to make sure they changed it because they wanted to give everything they had to get a championship."

After session three wrapped up Saturday morning, the math was done and the Knights knew that they had the title locked up for the second-consecutive year.

"To be able to compete for a championship year in and year out, it's just almost unheard of in any sport," Miller said.

"I feel really blessed to be a part of it. We've built something here and it's really on a strong foundation and we just hope we can continue."

The seventh team title in 18 years of coaching was the greatest highlight for Miller, but coming in a close second was his induction into the National Wrestling Coaches Association Div. III Coaches Hall of Fame during the championship week.

"I'm very humbled and honored by it," Miller said. "Every once in awhile something like this happens, I don't normally like to look back, but it does help you reflect on what's gone on in your career and makes you feel pretty blessed to be where you are."

Wartburg grabbed other honors during the tournament as assistant coach Eric Keller was named NWCA Assistant Coach of the Year and Miller was tabbed the NWCA Coach of the Year.

Wartburg returns four out of nine national tournament qualifiers for next season, but for now, Miller and his wrestlers know that their 2009 championship trophy is something to relish.

"This is one of the most satisfying seasons I've spent with kids. Maybe it was so special because it was so hard. It was really hard," Miller said. "We overcame a whole lot this year. We had to work for it; we had to earn everything we got. We earned every point and we earned that national championship this year."

"There were a couple ups and downs during the season, but it's an unbelievable feeling knowing that we pulled it off," Kelly said.

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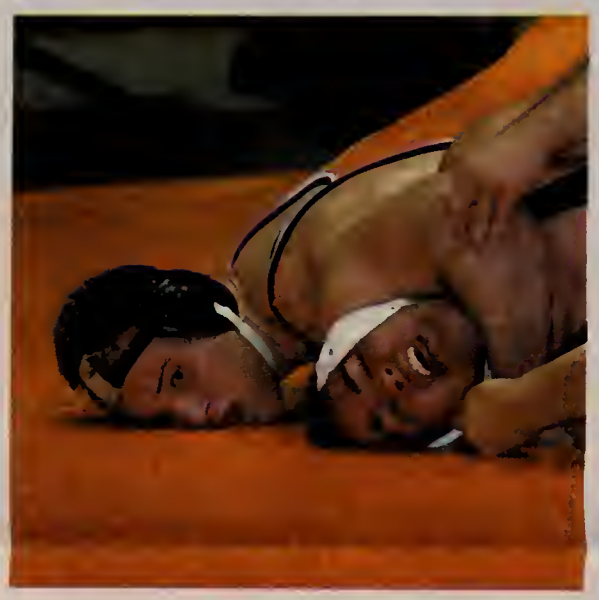


TEAM RELOADS WITH THREE ALL-AMERICANS

For head coach Jim Miller and the Wartburg wrestling program, back-to-back national titles proves that the adage holds true, tradition never graduates.

The Knights will graduate just over a handful of seniors from this year's squad, including five senior grapplers who made an appearance at this year's national tournament, but the returning wrestlers are more than prepared to step up.

"It's huge to be back-to-back champions. Not too many programs can say they've won back-to-back championships. It'll be tough next year too, but we're not going to hold back. We have a lot of good guys coming back," Matt Kelly said.

Next year's team will have to fill the shoes of two national champions, a national runner-up, and a third-place finisher from the 2009 tournament, as well as two more national champions from the 2008 edition of the national tournament in Jacob Naig and Romeo Djoumessi.

Next year's team already has a leg up on the competition as four wrestlers who made appearances in the 2009 tournament will return wearing the orange and black, with three out of the four garnering third-place finishes and All-American honors.

"The four of us coming back are going to have to use this to motivate ourselves and the new guys coming in, and really just build off of this year and run it into next year and the years after," Mark Kist said.

"We're going to take our level up and we want to be good examples for the new guys coming in. We'll have to lead by example, show them what we're doing training-wise, how we compete, and help them however we can."

Kist, a sophomore out of Eagle Grove, took bronze honors at 125 lbs. in his first Div. III national tournament after transferring to Wartburg from Iowa State at the beginning of the season.

Sophomore John Helgerson of West Union took third at heavyweight, continuing a trend of top finishes by Wartburg heavyweight wrestlers, also gaining All-American honors.

Kelly, a junior from Dubuque, wrestled back to a third-place finish at 133 lbs., also earning All-American status for the Knights, and will return to the line-up for his senior season.

Junior Nick Shandri of Urbandale, who carried a 2-2 record through the tournament, will return at the 197 lb. weight class for the Knights for next season.

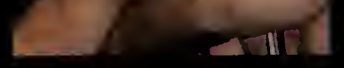
"They're the new leaders. They're the new foundation. They've been here, they're battle-tested and they know what it takes," Miller said.

ZACH MCKRAY

141 LBS.
2ND PLACE

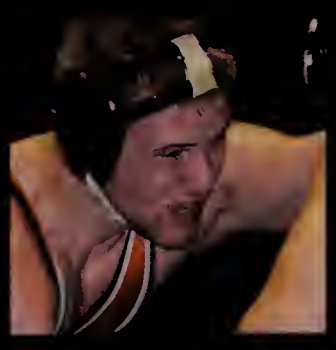
MATT KELLY

133 LBS.
3RD PLACE



MARK KIST

125 LBS.
3RD PLACE



JOHN HELGERSON

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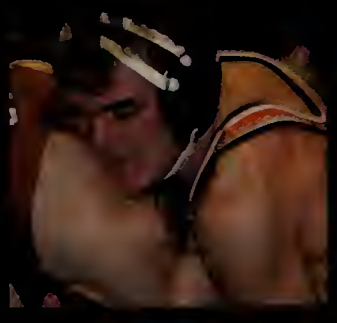
3RD PLACE



JACOB NAIG

149 LBS.
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